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Sacramento County is located in the middle of the 400-mile long Central Valley. The county is bordered by Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties on the south, Amador and El Dorado counties on the east, Placer and Sutter counties on the north, and Yolo and Solano counties on the west.

With a projected population of 1,651,800 by 2020, Sacramento County will experience a steady increase in population over the next twenty years. The 1999 population of 1,189,100 will increase by approximately 39 percent over this period.

The 1999 annual average statistics show the civilian labor force for the county to be 586,700 with an unemployment rate of 4.2 percent. This is significantly lower than the state's unemployment rate of 5.2 percent.

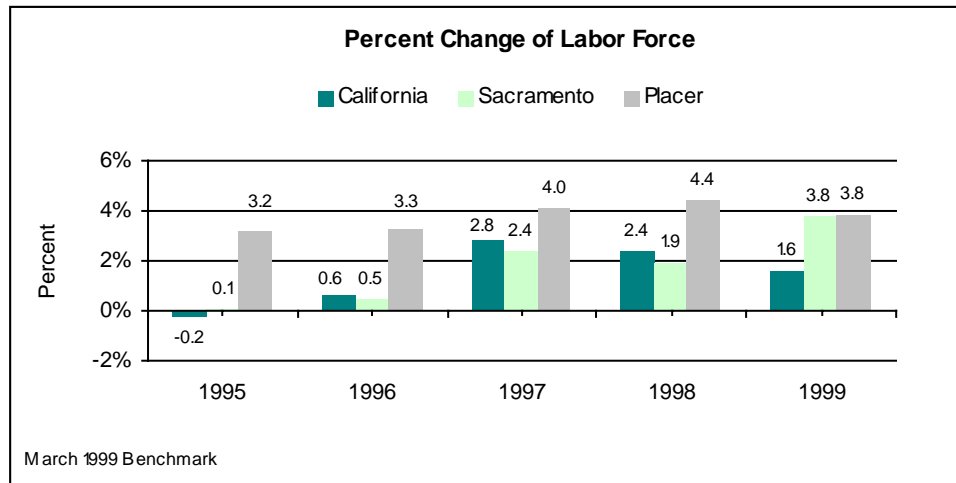
Government is the largest industry in the county accounting for 28.2 percent of total employment. Other important industry sectors are services at 27.6 percent and retail trade at 16.3 percent.

Manufacturing is one of the fastest growing industries with a projected growth rate of 49.3 percent. Computer engineers account for 1,550 positions out of the projected 14,700 job openings for the 1995 – 2002 projection period.

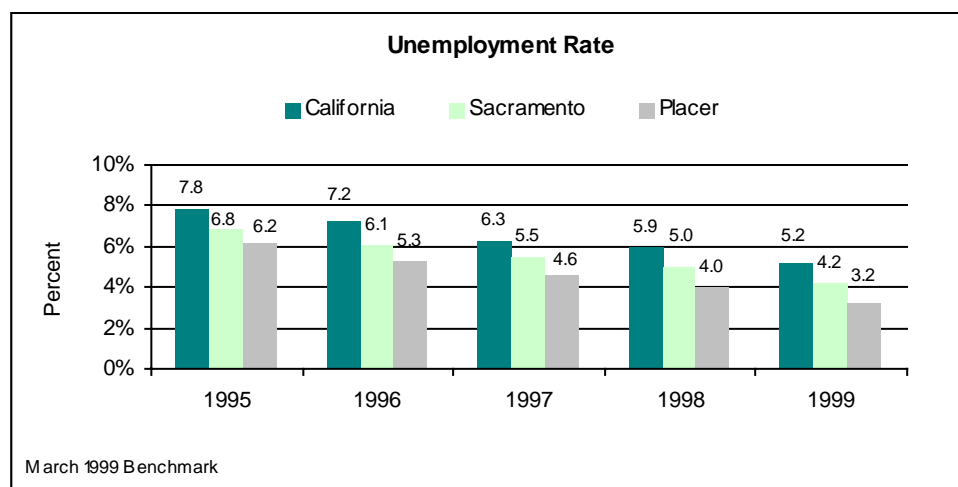
Sacramento County is part of the Sacramento Metropolitan Statistical Area (El Dorado, Placer, and Sacramento counties). Sacramento County's labor market conditions have been steadily improving over the last five years. The county continues to record job growth and lower unemployment rates.

LABOR FORCE

Sacramento County's civilian labor force rebounded in 1997 with 2.4 percent growth. The fastest rate of growth was realized in 1999 at 3.8 percent. The labor force gains enjoyed by Sacramento County are also evident in neighboring Placer County.

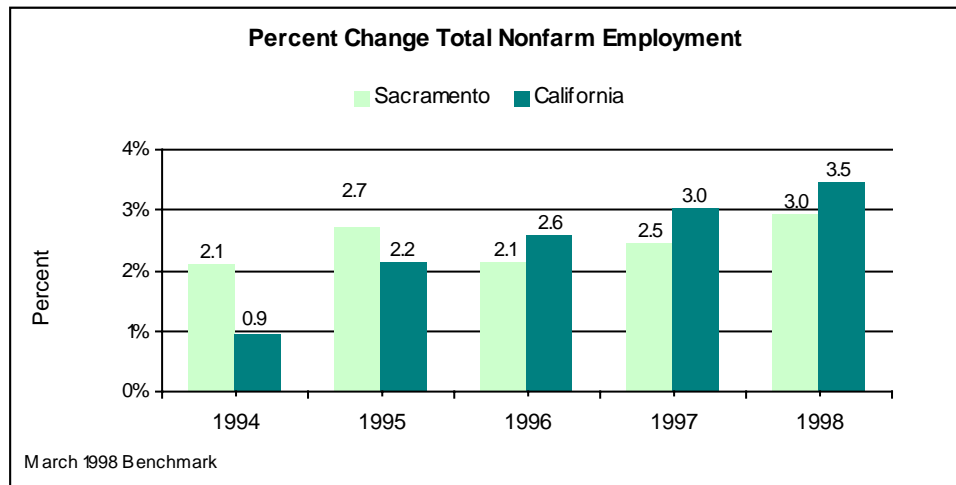


Since 1995, unemployment rates have declined for Sacramento and Placer counties, indicative of the increasing employment opportunities in the area. For Sacramento County, the annual average unemployment rate dropped 2.6 percentage points from a high of 6.8 percent in 1995 to 4.2 percent in 1999.

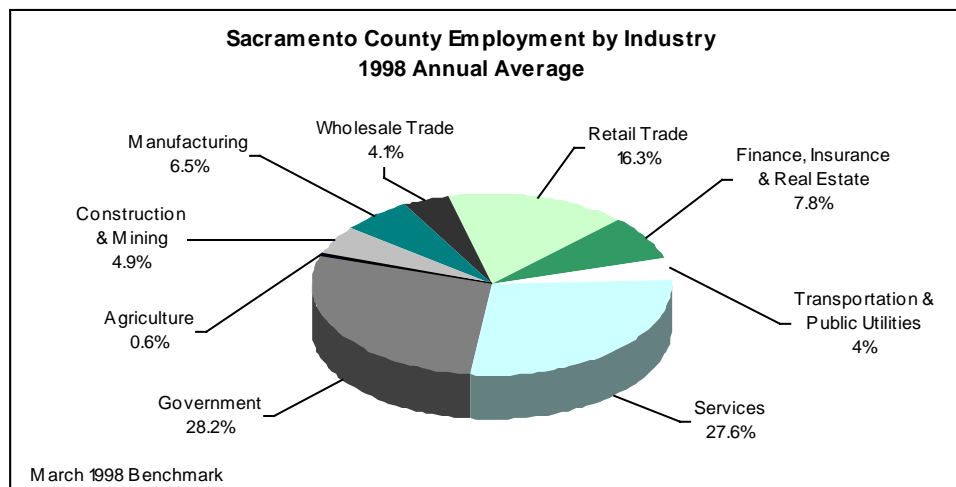


INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

Sacramento County nonagricultural wage and salary employment has shown strong growth since 1994, with the greatest year-over change occurring in 1998. Payroll employment gained 49,800 jobs by 1998. Services accounted for the greatest growth, with business services being the dominant component.



In 1998, Sacramento County employment was dominated by government, services, and retail trade sectors. It is expected that future job growth in the county will be in the manufacturing, services, and retail trade sectors.



OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. Sacramento County is projected to have employment opportunities not only in these high turnover occupations but also in the more technologically advanced categories.

Associated Occupations	MANUFACTURING 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 49.3%
	Computer Engineers – 1550 job openings. Assist in the selection and installation of computer systems by providing technical advice and support. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$32.32
	Electrical And Electronic Engineering Tech – 990 job openings. Apply electrical and electronic theory and related knowledge to design, build, test, repair, and modify developmental, experimental, or production electrical equipment in industrial or commercial plants. Associate Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$16.40
	Misc Helpers, Laborers, Hand, NEC – 870 job openings. Assist more skilled production, construction, operating and maintenance workers with routine, physical work under close supervision. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.95
	Assemblers, Fabricators-Except Machine, Electrical – 690 job openings. Assemble and/or fit together parts to form complete units or subassemblies at a bench, conveyor line, or on the floor. Duties are of a non-precision nature. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.60
	Electrical And Electronic Engineers – 610 job openings. Design, develop, test and supervise the manufacture and installation of electrical and electronic equipment, components or systems, computers and related equipment and systems for commercial, industrial, military or scientific use. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$33.52
Associated Occupations	SERVICES 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 19.3%
	Registered Nurses – 1190 job openings. Provide direct bedside care and assist physicians with examinations, chart the conditions of patients, give medication, and administer treatment as ordered by the doctor. May supervise auxiliary nursing personnel. Associate Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$23.02
	Secretaries, General – 850 job openings. Schedule appointments, give information to callers, take dictation, compose and type routine correspondence, read and route incoming mail, and file correspondence and other records. Post-secondary vocational education. Median Hourly Wage - \$12.57
	General Managers, Top Executives – 820 job openings. Include both top and mid-level managers whose duties and responsibilities are too diverse and general in nature to be classified in any functional or line area of management and administration. Work Experience, plus a Bachelor's or higher. Median Hourly Wage - \$29.71
	Janitors, Cleaners-Except Maids - 820 job openings. Keep buildings in clean and orderly condition; perform heavy cleaning duties such as operating motor driven cleaning equipment, mopping floors, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.64
	Receptionists, Information Clerks – 800 job openings. Answer inquiries and obtain information for the general public concerning activities conducted at an establishment, such as the location of offices or persons within the firm, departments within the store, or services within the hotel. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$9.26
Associated Occupations	RETAIL TRADE 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 15.5%
	Salespersons, Retail – 2640 job openings. Get the customer interested by describing the merchandise and showing how it is used. May also order merchandise, stock shelves, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.05
	Cashiers – 2120 job openings. Handle cash and credit payments, make change, give receipts, account for all payments, and perform related clerical duties. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.44
	Waiters And Waitresses – 1210 job openings. Serve food and drink to customers. Duties may include explanation about how the meal is prepared, wine recommendations or simple food preparation at the table. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.10
	First-Line Supervisor/Manager Sales – 680 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of marketing, sales, and related workers. May perform management functions, such as budgeting, accounting, marketing, and personnel work. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$15.60
	Food Preparation Workers – 530 job openings. Perform a variety of food preparation duties, such as preparing cold foods and maintaining and cleaning kitchen work areas, equipment, and utensils. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.73

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